

U.S. GRANTS ASYLUM TO SOVIET DEFECTOR

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 (AP)

—The State Department announced today that Anatoly Chebotarev, a former Soviet trade mission employee in Brussels, is in the United States after having been granted political asylum.

In its announcement, the department said the Russian had asked for asylum through the American Embassy in Brussels. It gave no further details.

The announcement followed reports by the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs that the Russian had made statements concerning the activities of Soviet citizens in Belgium.

Belgian police reported yesterday that they had handed the ministry a note they said was supplied by Mr. Chebotarev listing 30 to 40 Soviet espionage agents operating in Belgium.

Mr. Chebotarev is said to have been a friend of Oleg Lyalin, the Soviet trade official who defected in London.